

SIEC Briefing Paper on the Challenges Facing the SIEC

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Description

The Pre-Planning Group identified many challenges and barriers to the success of the SIEC and developing a more integrated approach to radio interoperability.

Recommendations to the Committee

This is a report only without staff recommendations.

Issues

The purpose of this discussion is to inform the SIEC about some of the major challenges and barriers facing this committee. The SIEC Pre-Planning Group identified a series of challenges that will have to be overcome for the SIEC to be successful in our state.

- Public safety agencies have a culture of asset control
- Timelines in the legislation are very aggressive
- Legislative, policy and interagency barriers promote inefficiencies and interoperability problems
- Funding issues (staffing, funding sources, etc).
- Grant and funding sources too often drive technology selection to the unit of government
- No clear, coordinated state plan (or direction)
- Lack of cohesive coordination between frequency coordinating bodies (frequency management)
- Lack of a cohesive coordination between federal, state and local governments. Lack of a comprehensive inventory of public safety assets
- Heterogeneous mix of old and newer technologies. Large portions of systems are obsolete and no longer supported by vendors. (purchase of older technology parts from Ebay and salvage companies)
- FCC law and rule changes create problems for state by forcing costly statewide reactions